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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Procedures with HSCA

5X1 1. [redacted] told me this morning that he had talked on Saturday with Blakey, Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the HSCA. He raised with Blakey the question of documents and an agreement was worked out whereby the Agency will establish a small beachhead in the HSCA area. This will consist of a safe to which Agency personnel only have access. A security officer will be designated to handle the papers when they are needed for HSCA proceedings. Transcripts and notes that contain information which we judge sensitive, with sources-and-methods, will also be kept in the safe. This facilitates HSCA taking depositions and at the same time protects sensitive material. [redacted] says that, of course, when the time comes to publish the HSCA report we will face the issue of what is to be declassified for publication.

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5X1 2. [redacted] said that he told Blakey the feeling was that HSCA had sent us some "signals." The [redacted] experience had raised some questions along this line. Blakey replied, in effect, that [redacted] was a tough witness who was not about to volunteer anything. They felt that she was the one person in a position to tell how [redacted] worked and that she didn't. I commented that I thought [redacted] characterization of what happened was probably pretty reliable. She feels that they did not try to find out from her in her testimony how things went and how they worked, and they tried to pin her to a series of very specific facts, in support of some sort of an erroneous theory they had established for themselves as to how the station worked. She was not about to have them write her testimony for her. If they had wanted to find out it was their own ineptitude which obscured the possibility and instead made it seem as if they were trying to prove things that were not so. There is a very substantial difference between trying to find out the facts and trying to prove that they aren't so, and this is the problem that HSCA raised.

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5X1 3. I suggested [redacted] that he really should report to Carlucci on this. Carlucci took the position that if there is an adversary approach to the performance of the Agency senior people should speak for the Agency rather than middle-level employees. [redacted] accepted this and said he would speak to Carlucci about it.

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